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23 May 1980

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence
Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

VIA : Director, National Foreign Assessment Center
Chairman, National Intelligence Council *RL*

FROM : Coordinator for Academic Relations and External
Analytical Support, NFAC

SUBJECT : Discussion/Dinner Proposal for July, "The Political
Impact of International Terrorism in the 1980s"

1. Action Requested: Approval of the above subject for our next discussion/dinner. The date Thursday, 17 July, has been tentatively reserved on your calendar for this purpose.

2. Background: The frequency of terrorist incidents that have international roots, as well as the very considerable academic interest in the motivation, organization, and methods of international terrorists, suggest the advantage of pooling the insights of the terrorism specialists in the intelligence community with the insights of students of the phenomena outside the government. Several issues call for special attention. An obvious one is whether the Iranian experience portends an increase in terrorist activities sponsored or supported more or less openly by governments. Another is the availability to terrorists of much more sophisticated technical instruments than they have been employing. A third concerns the largely unexploited technique of threatened mass casualties, the favorite of cinema and television dramatists. A fourth, on which the academics might prove helpful, is the question whether any country or countries, not hitherto subject to terrorist activity (e.g., South Africa), may be considered ripe for future international terrorist actions. The impact of terrorism upon democratic institutions, upon diplomatic personnel and practices, and upon US business interests are also subjects that deserve reconsideration. Finally, as the American diplomatic hostages in Iran make distressingly clear, there is also the recurrent issue of potential conflict between US foreign policy interests and US determination to combat the tactics of terrorist groups.

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3. Among the outside specialists we might consider inviting to participate in our discussion are Robert Kupperman, formerly the State Department's coordinator of anti-terrorist measures who is now with Georgetown University CSIS, Brian Jenkins of Rand, Bowyer Bell of Columbia University, Robert A. Friedlander of Ohio Northern University, and Edward Heyman of CACI-Federal, Inc. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] From other agencies of the government we should certainly want to invite Ambassador Anthony C.E. Quainton and (if available) Ambassador Diego Asencio from State, [REDACTED] from DIA, and William Odom from NSC. Though some of our first choices might be unavailable because of the season, there is no doubt we can have an interesting and fruitful evening.

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APPROVED:



Director of Central Intelligence

30 MAY 1980

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DISAPPROVED:

Director of Central Intelligence

Date